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STOPPAGE OF SUPPLY OF ORDINARY PETROL AND DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments aware that Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have stopped supply of ordinary petrol and diesel to small townships,cities forcing the consumers to buy much costlier premium brands of fuel as reported in Dainik Jagarn dated June 17, 2008;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefore;and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to restore the supply of the ordinary petrol and diesel?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they have not stopped supply of ordinary petrol and diesel to small townships,cities forcing the consumers to buy much costlier premium brands of fuel as reported in Dainik Jagran dated 17th June,2008 at any point of time.

OMCs have also reported that they ensure the availability of both ordinary and branded variants of petrol and diesel at Retail Outlets (ROs) in the country at all times.OMCs are supplying ordinary and premium brands of petrol and diesel to the Retail Outlet Dealers as per their indents.The purchase of premium fuels is as per the consumer's choice between ordinary petrol and diesel and premium fuels.

Government has also directed the OMCs to take urgent steps to ensure adequate supply and availability of both unbranded and branded variants of Diesel and Petrol at the ROs across the country.